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4. (Secret - GLC) Met with Scott Cohen, in the office of Senator Charles Percy, and provided him with information to pass on to the Senator in response to his inquiry regarding possible Soviet involvement in the Middle East countries' use of oil as a political weapon. Cohen said he thought this would take care of the matter.

Cohen and I talked at some length about possible future developments on the Hill which might involve the Agency. Cohen said that it is his opinion that the next Congress will be even more liberal than the present one and unless the Agency does something to head it off, stringent steps may be taken to require that the Agency be more responsive to the Congress in general. He said this particularly concerned access to Agency intelligence information. I told him this was a matter that was of great interest to the Director and also pointed out that despite congressional clamor for access to intelligence information, none of the senators seemed interested enough to take the time to go the the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and review the transcripts of past intelligence briefings which our Directors have given to the Committee. This despite the Chairman's statements on the floor of the Senate that these transcripts were available to members in the Committee office.

5. (Confidential - JMM) During a conversation with Senator Strom Thurmond at a social function, I spoke to him of our growing concern about security leaks of sensitive information often involving intelligence sources and methods and the urgent need for action to tighten up the existing legislation on the subject. Thurmond said he fully shared our concern and would like to be helpful in any way possible. He pointed out, however, that the present political climate would not be at all favorable.

6. (Unclassified - PLC) After numerous unsuccessful calls to Thomas Gillilland, AID, to determine the position of the Department of State concerning H. R. 7135, I called Mrs. Waskewich, Legislative Research Office, Department of State. She stated that State had submitted its position supporting the bill in coordination with USIA and AID to OMB in June. She will furnish us a copy of their report.

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